JRC in a Nutshell

What is the JRC?

The Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) is an inter-jurisdictional body that provides specific funding recommendations and advice on guidelines and procedures for King County and its consortia city partners on a wide range of housing and community development issues. The JRC was created through the interlocal cooperation agreements that formed the King County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium, the King County HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Consortium and the King County Regional Affordable Housing Program (RAHP) Consortium. King County receives about \$10 to \$12 million of federal funds each year, and about \$3 million each year of RAHP funds.

What does the JRC do?

- Affordable Housing: each year the JRC makes specific funding recommendations for about \$6 to \$9 million in capital funding for housing for very low to moderate income households. Funding for affordable housing is made up of the Consortia's federal CDBG/HOME funds, local RAHP funds, countywide Veterans and Human Services Levy funds, 2331 Document Recording Fees for Homeless Housing and local King County funds, as applicable, including funds from the King County Developmental Disabilities Division. In addition, the JRC advises the Consortia and the King County Executive on procedures that guide the affordable housing programs.
- Community Development: the JRC makes specific funding recommendations for about \$2 to \$3 million of the
 Consortium's CDBG funds for non-housing capital projects such as community centers, public infrastructure
 projects and parks projects; in addition the JRC advises the Consortia and the King County Executive on
 procedures that guide the community development program.
- Homelessness: the JRC allocates about \$600,000 of federal funds for homeless and emergency assistance programs, and advises King County and Seattle on the priorities for the joint application for federal McKinney homeless assistance funds (anywhere from \$15 to \$20 million each year).
- Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan: the JRC reviews and recommends the Consolidated Plan, and related plans, such as the fair Housing Action Plan, to the King County Executive and Council.
- State and Federal Legislative Priorities: the JRC advises the King County Executive and the County Council's Legislative Steering Committee on state and federal legislative priorities regarding housing, homelessness, and community development issues.

JRC Procedures

JRC meetings are open to the public. Some meetings are designated meetings for the gathering of public testimony and are specially advertised as such.

The JRC must have a guorum of five eligible voting representatives in order to conduct business that requires a vote.

The King County Housing and Community Development Program (HCD) staffs the JRC and prepares and presents reports and recommendations for funding awards and procedures to the JRC that guide the housing and community development programs. In fulfilling its duties, the JRC considers the advice of interjurisdictional sub-regional advisory committees, made up of one representative from each participating jurisdiction in a sub-region. The advisory committees are convened to assist HCD staff in the review and recommendation of projects and programs undertaken in the sub-region.

When does the JRC meet?

The JRC generally meets monthly from January through December on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., however, during some periods of the year meetings may not be scheduled. Please consult the HCD website for updates of the JRC calendar at:

http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/Consortium/ConsortiumStructure/RegionalCommittee.aspx

If you are interested in attending please call Elaine Goddard at 206-263-9040 to find out about the next scheduled meeting or to request an agenda.